(c) and (d) No specific problems in achieving the objective of AIIMS have been reported to the Government. The AIIMS has been provided sufficient Plan funds. The funds provided during the last three years to take up various projects for expansion of medical facilities are as follows:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Budget (Plan)
1999-2000	70.00
2000-2001	85.00
2001-2002 (B.E.)	100-00

News-item, "Loan licence misuse spawning fake drug trade"

1407. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Loan licence misuse spawning fake drug trade", which appeared in the Statesman dated the 27th October, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop this malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The facts of the news report were got verified from the Drugs Control Department, Government of N.C.T., Delhi. They have denied making any such statement and according to them no such case has come to their notice. However, all Pharmaceutical Industry Associations have been asked to convey any specific information about alleged spawning of fake drug trade due to misuse of loan license activity. All State Drug Control Authorities have also been directed to convey specific information about such linkage observed by them in their State.

New AIDS Drug Developed by USA

1408. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new AIDS drug has been developed in the United States; and

(b) if so, the action taken for its early introduction in the country to check the disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be placed on the table of the House.

Incorrect reports by patho-labs

†1409. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some patho-labs in the country give incorrect reports;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any action against the patho-labs giving incorrect reports; and

(c) if so, by when, together with the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of State Governments to take necessary steps to establish effective authority for taking necessary action against the patho-labs found guilty of giving incorrect reports.

Biological warfare threat

1410. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government envisage any threat of biological warfare on the country in the present context;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of cases of Anthrax, Typhoid, Cholera, Malaria, AIDS and Phylaria reported in the country and the fund allotted and utilized to control and prevent the same for the last three years, category-wise, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the steps proposed to protect from the catastrophe of biological warfare in the light of Afghanistan war?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) Biological agents are living organisms, or the by products of living

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.